RCE/3723 #14/ RCE I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage, as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 27, 2003 Date of Deposit Amir N. Penn (40,767) Name of applicant, assignee or RECEIVED Registered Representative TECHNOLOGY CENTER H3700 Signature Case No. 7103/205 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of: Li, et al. Serial No: 09/938,056 Examiner: George Nguyen Filed: August 23, 2001 Group Art Unit: 3723 For: MULTI-STEP POLISHING SYSTEM AND PROCESS OF **USING SAME** REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114) Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir: Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

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